

Proclamation 3974**NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION DAY AND NATIONAL
TRANSPORTATION WEEK, 1970****By the President of the United States of America**

March 26, 1970

A Proclamation

The story of America's growth is in large part the story of her growing transportation systems: the Post roads and canals which linked our first States, the Yankee Clippers which built New England's commerce, the steel rails which bound together a transcontinental community and the great air fleets which bring Hawaii and Alaska closer today than New York and Chicago were in 1940.

Today the field of transportation accounts for approximately 20 per cent of this nation's gross national product and employs more than ten million persons. Yet we know, as we enter a new decade, that the growth of our transportation systems is just beginning. This growth must be carefully planned and intelligently directed—both our economic prosperity and our military security will depend on it. And so will the quality of life in our country. It is important, for example, that considerations of safety and environmental protection be kept in mind as we expand our transportation systems.

It was to focus attention on both the achievements and the challenges of the transportation industry and its employees that the Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 16, 1957, requested the President to proclaim annually the third Friday of May each year as National Defense Transportation Day, and by a joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 15, 1970, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 10, 1970, as National Transportation Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred ninety-fourth.


71 Stat. 30.
36 USC 160.76 Stat. 69.
36 USC 166.**Proclamation 3975****LOYALTY DAY, 1970****By the President of the United States of America**

March 26, 1970

A Proclamation

The full meaning of ordinary words is often discovered only when we know their origin. The word "loyal" has its origins in the Latin word for "legal." Ultimately, to be loyal means not only to be faithful to a person or a cause or a nation, but to be lawful as well.

We demonstrate loyalty to our nation, then, not only when we show our love for its ideals, but when we also show respect for its laws. Without those laws, our ideals cannot be reached; without those ideals, our laws are mechanical and lifeless. True loyalty to our country means working together toward justice under the law.

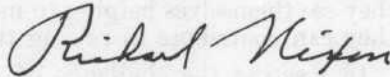
The Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution of July 18, 1958, has designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies.

72 Stat. 369.
36 USC 162.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do call upon the people of the United States, and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe Friday, May 1, 1970, as Loyalty Day, with appropriate ceremonies in which all of us may join in a reaffirmation of our loyalty to the United States of America.

I also call upon appropriate officials of the government to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on that day as a manifestation of our loyalty to the Nation which that flag symbolizes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3976

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1970

By the President of the United States of America

April 6, 1970

A Proclamation

The restoration of our merchant fleet to a position of leadership on the world's oceans is one of our most urgent tasks. Our merchant ships are essential parts of our economic and defense systems, and reminders to us and to the world of our heritage as a sea-going people.

In recognition of the importance of our Merchant Marine to our economy and our national security, the Congress in 1933 set aside May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that day.

48 Stat. 73.
36 USC 145.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on May 22, 1970, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in tribute to the American Merchant Marine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.

